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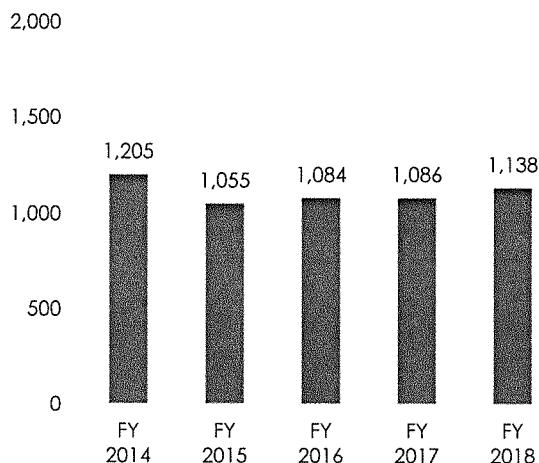
Quick Facts

— Money Laundering Offenses —

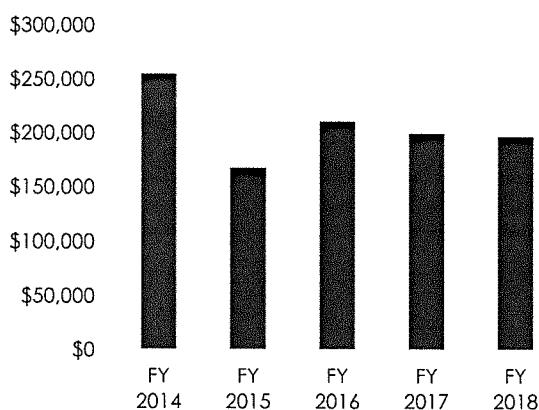
Fiscal Year 2018

- IN FY 2018, 69,425 CASES WERE REPORTED TO THE U.S. SENTENCING COMMISSION.
- 1,138 OF THESE INVOLVED MONEY LAUNDERING.¹
- MONEY LAUNDERING OFFENSES HAVE INCREASED BY 7.9% IN THE PAST FOUR YEARS.

Number of Money Laundering Offenders²



Median Loss for Money Laundering Offenses



Offender and Offense Characteristics

- 77.2% of money laundering offenders were men.
- 36.3% were Hispanic, 35.7% were White, 19.2% were Black, and 8.8% were Other races.
- Their average age was 42 years.
- 74.9% were United States citizens.
- 70.2% had little or no prior criminal history (Criminal History Category I).
- The median loss for these offenses was \$197,024.
 - ◆ 44.0% involved loss amounts of \$150,000 or less.³
 - ◆ 81.8% involved loss amounts of \$1.5 million or less.
- Sentences were increased for:
 - ◆ knowing the laundered funds were proceeds of an offense involving a controlled substance, violence, weapons, national security, or the sexual exploitation of a minor (19.7%);
 - ◆ sophisticated laundering (10.5%);
 - ◆ a conviction under 18 U.S.C. § 1957 (engaging in monetary transactions in property derived from specified unlawful activity) (14.7%);
 - ◆ a conviction under 18 U.S.C. § 1956 (laundering of monetary instruments) (78.6%);
 - ◆ the defendant was in the business of money laundering with no underlying offense conduct (5.3%);
 - ◆ leadership or supervisory role in the offense (21.1%); and
 - ◆ obstructing or impeding the administration of justice (4.2%).

- Sentences were decreased for:
 - ◆ minor or minimal participation in the offense (13.1%).

- The top six districts for money laundering offenders were:
 - ◆ Southern District of Texas (73);
 - ◆ Southern District of Florida (64);
 - ◆ Northern District of Ohio (61);
 - ◆ District of Arizona (47);
 - ◆ Southern District of New York (47);
 - ◆ Western District of Missouri (33).

Punishment

- The average sentence for money laundering offenders was 65 months.
- 88.9% of money laundering offenders were sentenced to prison.
- 25.5% were convicted of an offense carrying a mandatory minimum penalty; of those, 37.0% were relieved of that penalty.



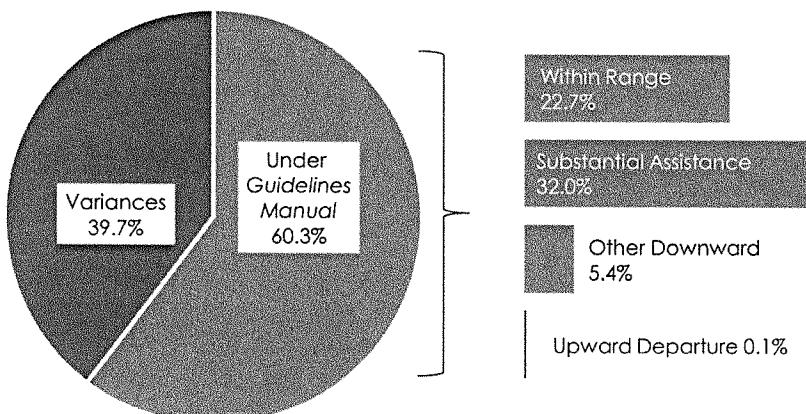
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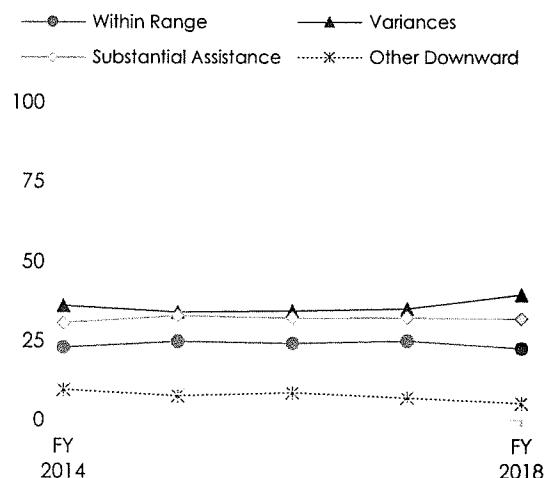
Sentences Relative to the Guideline Range

- Of the 60.3% of money laundering offenders sentenced under the Guidelines Manual:
 - 37.7% were sentenced within the guideline range.
 - 53.0% received a substantial assistance departure.
 - Their average sentence reduction was 58.9%.
 - 8.9% received some other downward departure.
 - Their average sentence reduction was 62.6%.
- 39.7% received a variance; of those offenders:
 - 98.0% received a downward variance.
 - Their average sentence reduction was 48.3%.
 - 2.0% received an upward variance.
 - Their average sentence increase was 43.5%.
- The average guideline minimum and average sentence imposed has remained relatively steady over the past five years.
 - The average guideline minimum decreased from 108 months in fiscal year 2014 to 107 months in fiscal year 2018.
 - The average sentence imposed decreased from 67 months in fiscal year 2014 to 65 months in fiscal year 2018.

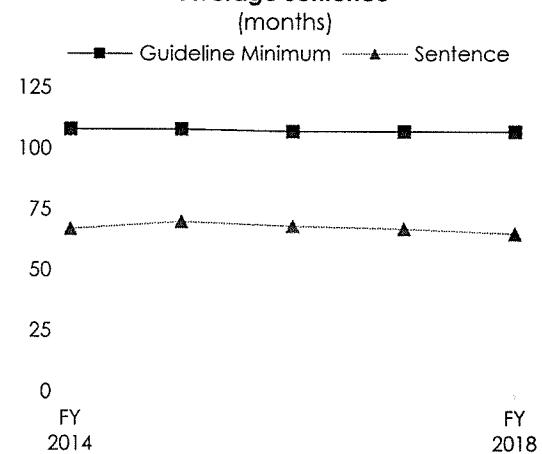
Sentence Imposed Relative to the Guideline Range FY 2018



Sentence Relative to the Guideline Range (%)



Average Guideline Minimum and Average Sentence (months)



¹ Money Laundering offenses include cases in which the offender was sentenced under §2S1.1 (Laundering of Monetary Instruments; Engaging in Monetary Transactions in Property Derived from Unlawful Activity).

² Cases with incomplete sentencing information were excluded from the analysis.

³ The Loss Table was amended effective November 1, 2001 and November 1, 2015.